

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-13 are pending. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended for clarity. Support for Claims 3-13 is found in the disclosure as follows: Claims 3-4, page 16, lines 20-22; Claim 5, page 7, lines 34-36; Claim 6, page 14, lines 27-28; Claim 7, pages 13, lines 1-3 and 35-36; Claim 8, page 12, line 33; Claim 9, page 13, lines 28-30; Claim 10, page 14, line 28, and Claims 11-13, page 12, line 32, page 13, lines 1-3, 28-30 and 35-36. Accordingly the Applicants do not believe that any new matter has been introduced. Favorable consideration of this amendment and allowance of the application is now respectfully requested.

#### Support for Claims 1-13 in Priority Document (JP 2001-152234)

Support for the new claims is found in the priority document as follows: Claims 1-2 (Claims 1-2, page 2); Claims 3-4, page 18, [0058]; Claim 5, page 9 [0021]; Claim 6, page 16 [0050]; Claim 7, pages 16 [0045] and page 17 [0048]; Claim 8, page 14, [0044]; Claim 9, page 15 [0047]; Claim 10, page 16 [0050], and Claims 11-13, page 16 [0044-0045] and page 17 [0047-0048].

#### Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Sekino et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,794,089. This rejection is moot in view of the Applicants' perfection of their foreign priority date to JP2001-152234, filed May 22, 2001. Support for independent Claims 1 and 2 is found in Claims 1 and 2 of the priority document (page 2).

#### Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Ueda et al., U.S. Publication 2002/0192565. This rejection is moot in view of the Applicants'

perfection of their foreign priority date to JP2001-152234, filed May 22, 2001. Support for independent Claims 1 and 2 is found in Claims 1 and 2 of the priority document (page 2).

**CONCLUSION**

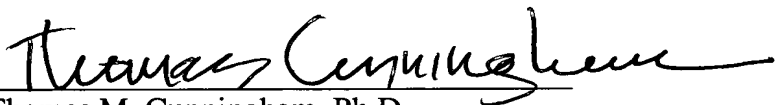
In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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